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May 19, 2003

Tara Hayden
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Dear Tara Hayden:

Re: Your letters dated May 9, 2003 and the U.S. Patent Applications LSI1P212 & LSI1P223

I am returning the two U.S. patent applications, *Vaporization and Handling of Metals for Use in Semiconductor Processing* by James Kimball and Sheldon Aronowitz and *Vaporization and Ionization of Metals for Use in Semiconductor Processing* by James Kimball and Sheldon Aronowitz, unread and unsigned.

I am no longer employed by LSI Logic. If a satisfactory consultative arrangement between LSI Logic and myself can be established, I would be happy to analyze, critic, and subsequently sign the documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon Aronowitz', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sheldon Aronowitz

Encl.: U.S. Patent Applications LSI1P212 & LSI1P223 and two cover letters from
Tara Hayden